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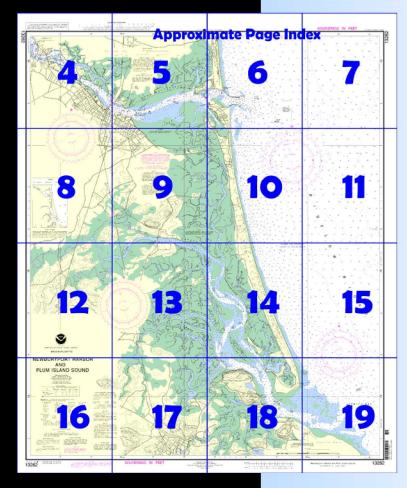
Newburyport Harbor and Plum Island Sound

(NOAA Chart 13282)

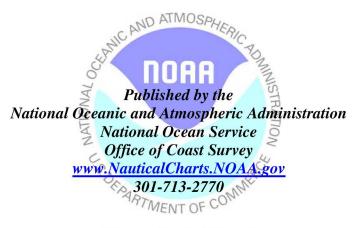


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This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

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This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. Additional chart corrections have been made by NOAA in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. The last Notices to Mariners applied to this chart are listed in the Note at the bottom of page 7. Coast Pilot excerpts are not being corrected.



[Coast Pilot 1, Chapter 9 excerpts] (399) Merrimack River is the largest river in the eastern part of Massachusetts. It is the approach to the cities of Newburyport and Haverhill, and to the towns of Amesbury, Merrimacport, Groveland, and Bradford. The river is used by vessels of 6-foot draft at high water up to Haverhill and about 12-foot draft at high water to Newburyport. The head of navigation is at the dam just above Broadway Bridge in Lawrence, 25.7 miles above the mouth. The river is seldom entered for refuge

and has virtually no commercial traffic.

(400) The shifting bar at the entrance is usually dangerous to cross in heavy weather. The whole entrance breaks in easterly gales. A lighted fairway whistle buoy, about 1 mile off the jetties, marks the approach. (401) The Coast Guard has established a **rough bar advisory sign**, 47 feet above the water, on the roof of a boathouse to promote safety for

small-boat operators. The sign is diamond-shaped, painted white with an international orange border, and with the words "Danger Rough Bar" in black letters. The sign is equipped with a flashing white light. The light will be activated when the seas exceed 2 feet in height and are considered hazardous for small boats. Small-boat operators are cautioned, however, that if the light is not flashing, it is no guarantee that sea conditions are favorable.

(403) **Merrimack River Coast Guard Station** is on the south side of the river west of the American Yacht Club.

(406) Merrimack River is entered by a dredged channel which leads through the bar between two jetties at the entrance. In 1998-October 2001, the controlling depth was 6.9 feet in the bar channel; thence 7.5 feet in the marked channel to the highway bridge at Newburyport, about 3 miles above the jetties. From Newburyport to Deer Island swing bridge, the controlling depth was 6 feet in July 1989, thence in 1964, the reported controlling depth was 3 feet to Haverhill. In March 1978, numerous obstructions and shoaling were reported in the channel between the bridge at Groveland and Haverhill. In September 1986, a submerged obstruction was reported in the center of the channel near Merrimack River Buoy 53 in about 42°48'44"N., 71°00'03"W. In May 1987, shoaling to an unknown depth was reported in the vicinity of Merrimack River Lighted Buoy 8.

(407) The jetties extend from both points at the entrance out to the bar and are difficult to see at high water, particularly at night and in periods of low visibility. About 240 yards of the outer end of the north jetty is submerged at high water.

(409) At Newburyport the usual and best anchorage is in the channel about 400 yards below the highway bridge, favoring the north side of the channel and keeping clear of the two charted cable areas. The current is reported to run strongest along the south shore here. The holding ground is good.

(410) The yacht club maintains guest moorings as do many of the service facilities and marinas. Numerous private moorings are maintained off Newburyport and in the upper river as far as Haverhill. They are under control of the **harbormasters** at Newburyport, Amesbury, and Haverhill.

(411) Public floats are along the south side of the river at Newburyport, about 0.2 mile west of **Merrimack River Coast Guard Station**. In July 1979, 8 feet was reported alongside the floats. Berthing is under the control of the Newburyport harbormaster.

(421) A lighted fairway whistle buoy is about 1 mile outside the bar at the entrance to Merrimack River, a seasonal lighted bell buoy is at the bar, and the channel across the bar is marked by an entrance leading light, buoys, lights, and a daybeacon. The chart should be the guide following the aids. Considerable chop is experienced on the bar with the wind against the tide.

(422) Small craft may enter when the sea is smooth and on a rising tide, following the buoys. The river cannot be entered during a heavy sea. The outer ends of the jetties are awash at high water.

(423) After the bar is crossed, the channel is well marked and easily followed to Newburyport. The channel leads between **North Pier**, marked by a light, and **South Pier**, bare at half tide and marked by a buoy. Westward of South Pier, for the best water favor the Newburyport, or south, shore until up with the overhead power cables, and the buoy under them, then head up for the draw of the highway bridge, still favoring the south side of the channel, and select anchorage or obtain a mooring off one of the service facilities or marinas.

(424) The channel between Newburyport and Haverhill is marked by buoys at the most difficult points, but is narrow and crooked, and leads close to rocks in places. Local knowledge is required to keep in it. (428) The area southward of the outer 240 yards of the submerged north jetty and the channel is a shoaling sand bar subject to constant change in depth. This area and a portion of the channel just south are extremely

hazardous. Avoid crossing the sunken jetty or sandbar, and use caution in the channel to the south of it.

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HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

NOTE C
Positions of buoys in the Ipswich River are trequently shifted with changing conditions and are not charted.

CAUTION

Improved channels shown by broken lines are subject to shoaling, particularly at the edges.

The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

HORIZONTAL DATUM

The horizontal reference datum of this chart In e norizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which for charting purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84). Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1927 must be corrected an average of 0.33* northward and 1.812" eastward to agree with this chart.

NOTE B

The entrance channel into Plum Island Sound is subject to continual changes. Buoys 3, 4 and 6 are not charted because they are frequently shifted in position.

CAUTION

BASCULE BRIDGE CLEARANCES

For bascule bridges, whose spans do not open to a full upright or vertical position, unlimited vertical clearance is not available for the entire charted horizontal clearance.

POLLUTION REPORTS

Report all spills of oil and hazardous substances to the National Response Center via 1-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephone communication is impossible (33 CFR 153).

NOTE S

Regulations for Ocean Dumping Sites are contained in 40 CFR, Parts 220-229. Additional information concerning the regulations and requirements for use of the sites may be obtained from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). See U.S. Coast Pilots appendix for addresses of EPA offices. Dumping subsequent to the survey dates may have reduced the depths shown.

RADAR REFLECTORS

Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation.

CAUTION

Temporary changes or defects in aids to navigation are not indicated on this chart. See Local Notice to Mariners. During some winter months or when endan-gered by ice, certain aids to navigation are replaced by other types or removed. For details see U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

RACING BUOYS

Racing buoys within the limits of this chart are not shown hereon. Information may be obtained from the U.S. Coast Guard District Offices as racing and other private buoys are not all listed in the U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS

The NOAA Weather Radio stations listed below provide continuous weather broadcasts The reception range is typically 20 to 40 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at high elevations.

Boston, MA KHB-35 Concord, NH WXJ-40 Essex Marine, MA KZZ-40 162.475 MHz 162.400 MHz 162.425 MHz 162.450 MHz

Mercator Projection Scale 1:20,000 at Lat. 42°45'

North American Datum of 1983 (World Geodetic System 1984)

SOUNDINGS IN FEET AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

Table of Selected Chart Notes

CAUTION

Limitations on the use of radio signals as aids to marine navigation can be found in the U.S. Coast Guard Light Lists and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Publication 117.

Radio direction-finder bearings to commercial broadcasting stations are subject to error and should be used with caution.

Station positions are shown thus:

()(Accurate location) o(Approximate location)

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NOTE A

Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2, U.S.
Coast Pilot 1. Additions or revisions to Chapter 2 are published in the Notice to Mariners. Information concerning the regulations may be obtained at the Office of the Commander, 1st Coast Guard District in Boston, MA or at the Office of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers in Concord, MA.
Refer to charted regulation section numbers.

Additional information can be obtained at nauticalcharts.noaa.gov.

AUTHORITIES

Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, Geological Survey, and U.S. Coast Guard.

SOURCE DIAGRAM

The outlined areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charting. Surveys have been banded in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, <u>United States Coast Pilot.</u>

COLREGS, 80.115 (see note A) International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, 1972. The entire area of this chart falls seaward of the COLREGS Demarcation

Within the 12-nautical mile Territorial Sea, established by Presidential Proclamation, some Federal laws apply. The Three Nautical Mile Line, previously identified as the outer limit of the territorial sea, is retained as it continues to depict the jurisdictional limit of the other laws. The 9-nautical mile Natural Resource Boundary of the Gulf coast of Florida, Texas, and Puerto Rico, and the Three Nautical Mile Line elsewhere remain in nost cases a line in entitled not a decided which the description and the outer limit of the jurisdiction of the facts. The dear all fisheries jurisdiction and the outer limit of the jurisdiction of the Economic Zone were established by Presidential Proclamation. Unless fixed by treaty or the U.S. Supreme Court, these maritime limits are subject to modification.

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TIDAL INFORMATION

PLACE		Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW)						
NAME	(LAT/LONG)	Mean Higher High Water						
Newburyport Plum Island Sound (south end)	(42°49'N/70°52'W) (42°43'N/70°47'W)		feet 8.1 8.9	feet 0.3 0.3				
Dashes () located in datum columns indicate unavailable datum values for a tide station. Real-time water levels, tide predictions, and tidal current predictions are available on the Internet from http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov.								

ARREVIATIONS (For complete list of Symbols and Abbreviations, see Chart No. 1.)

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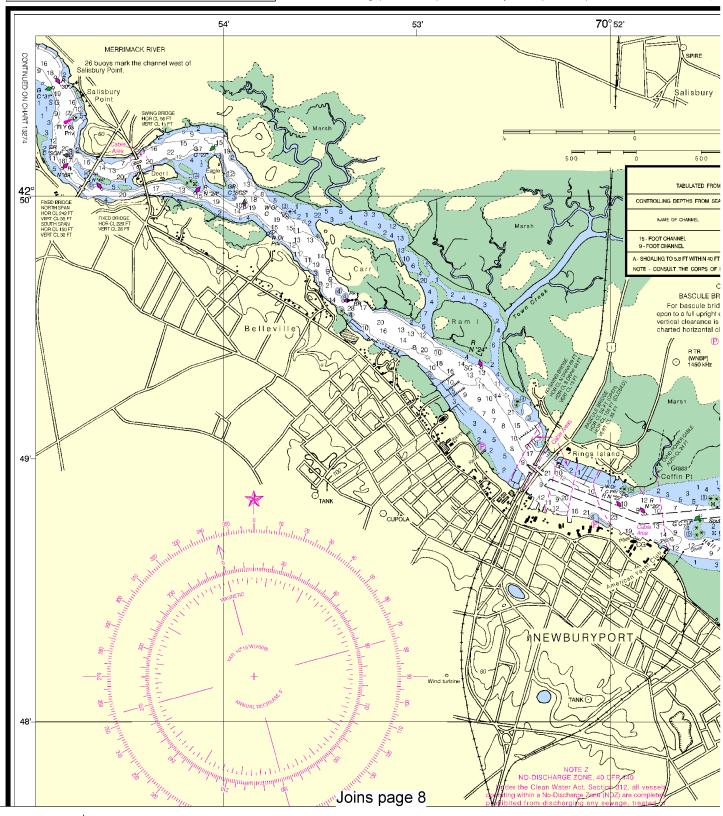
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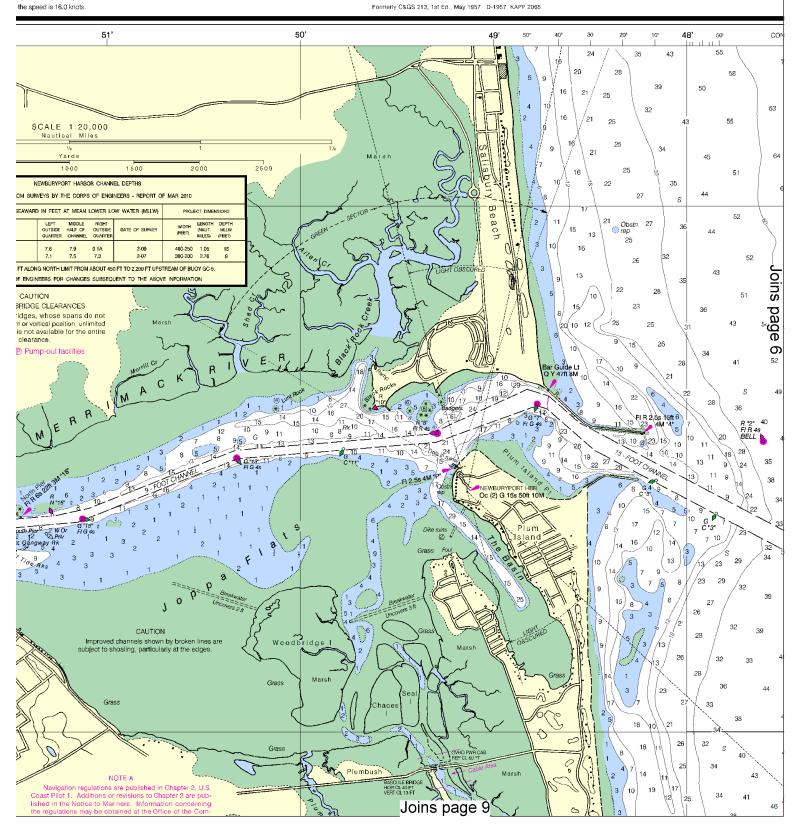
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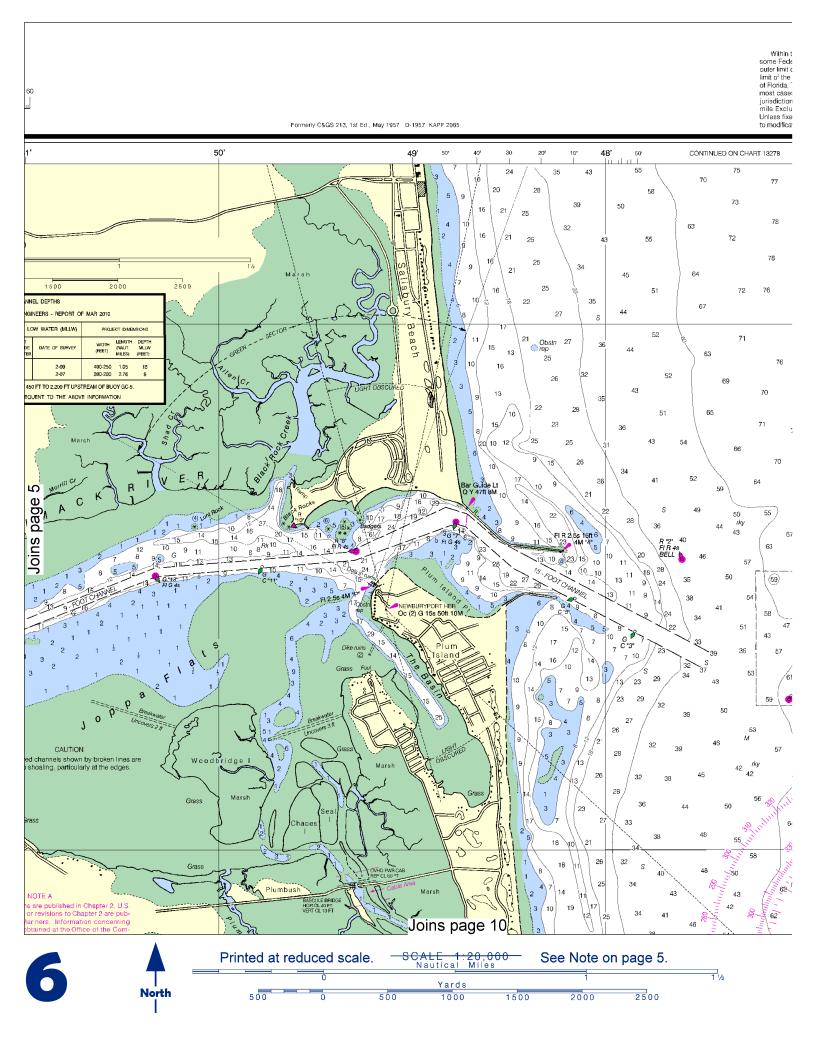




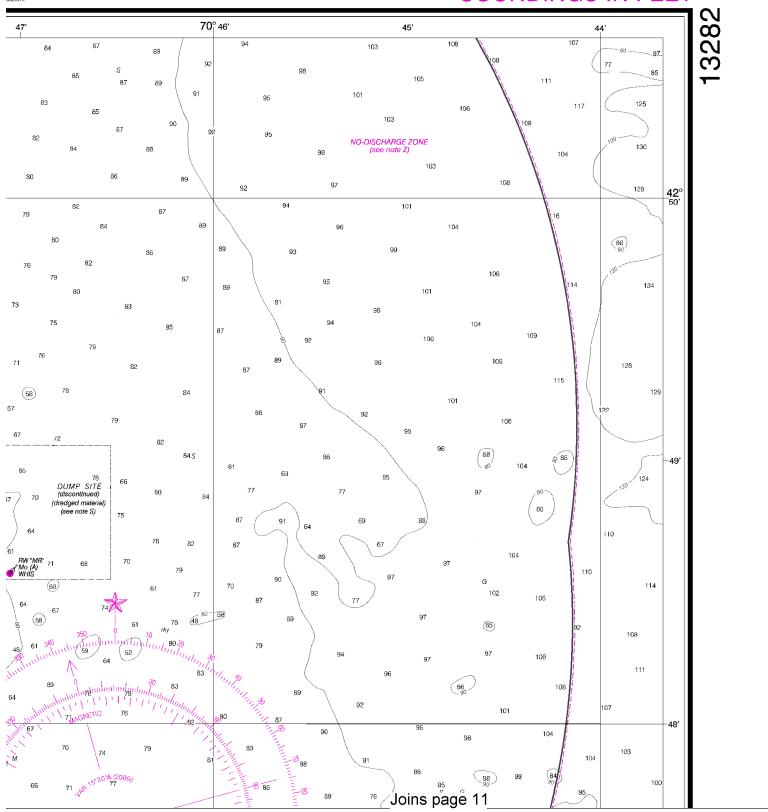


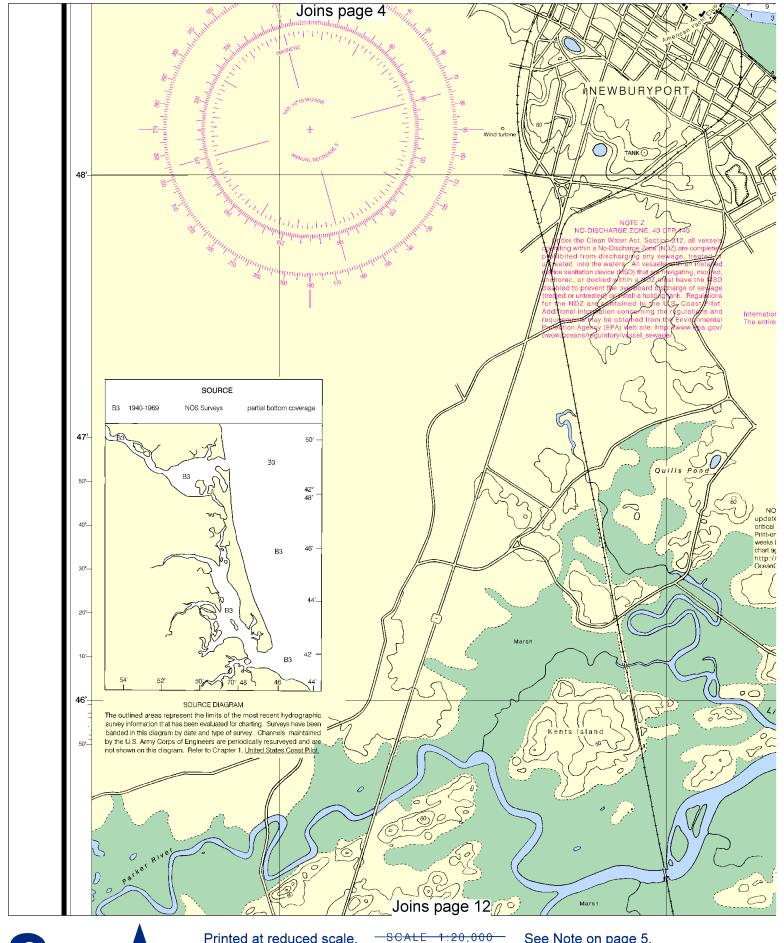


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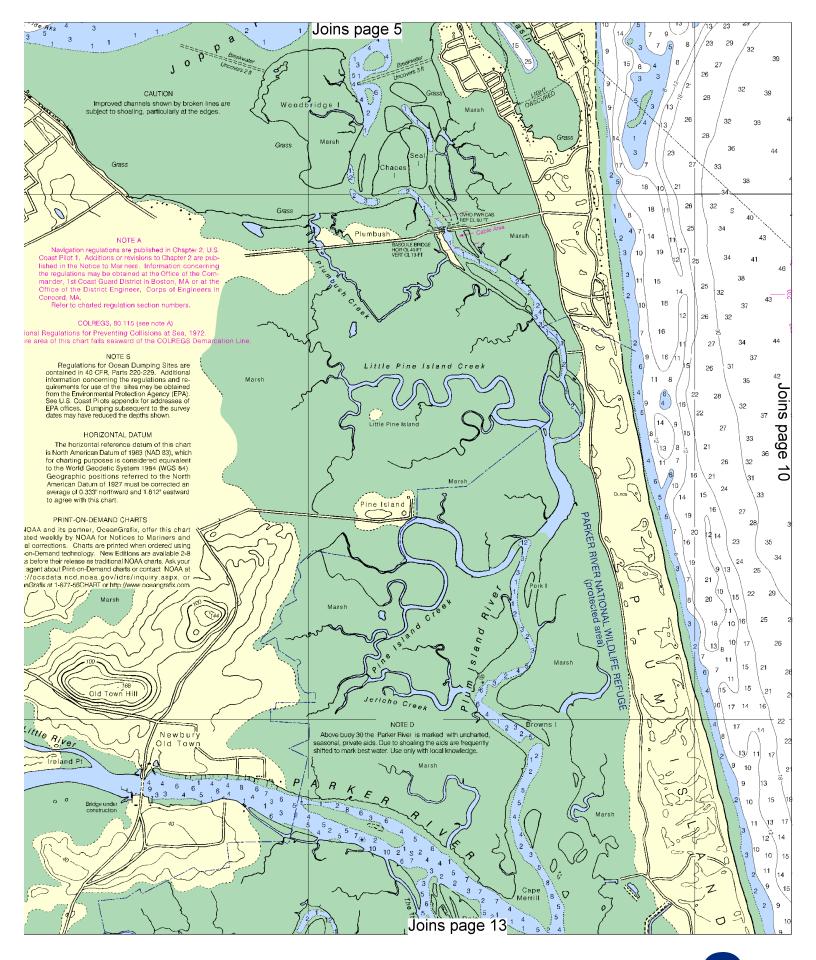
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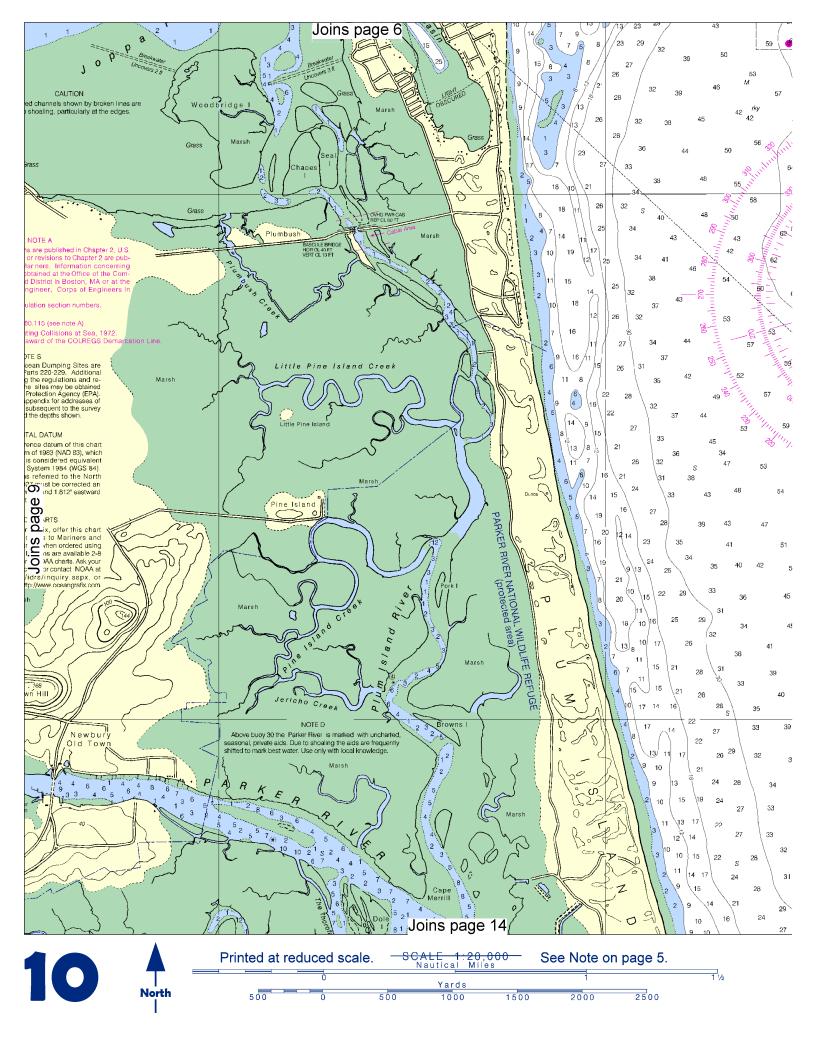


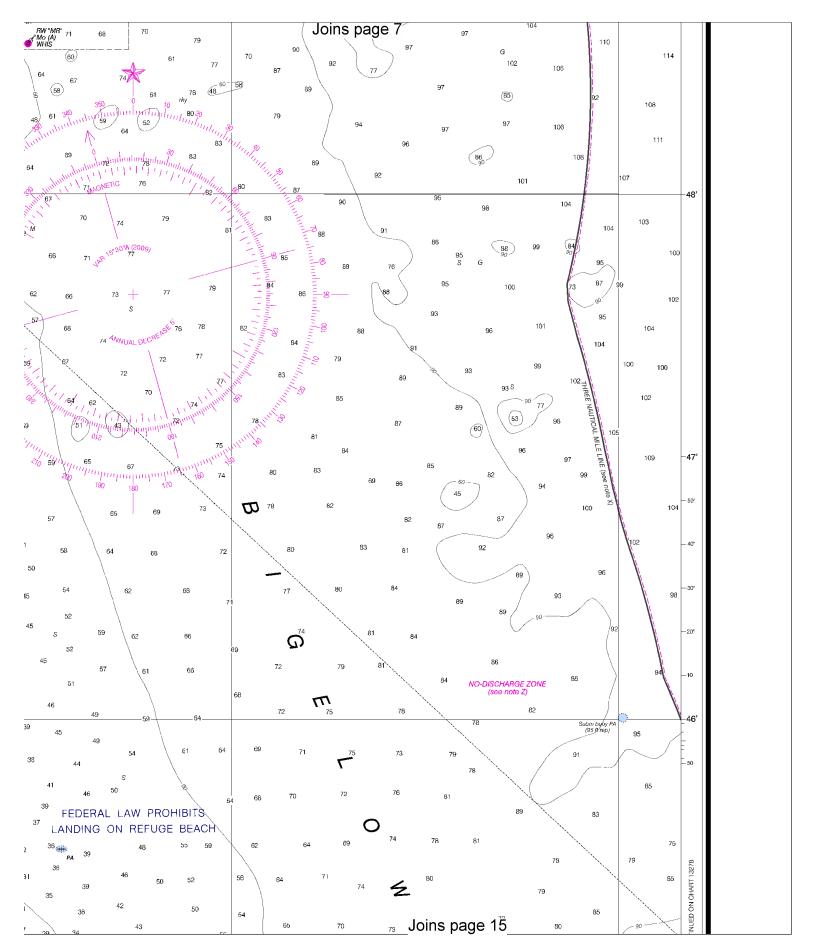


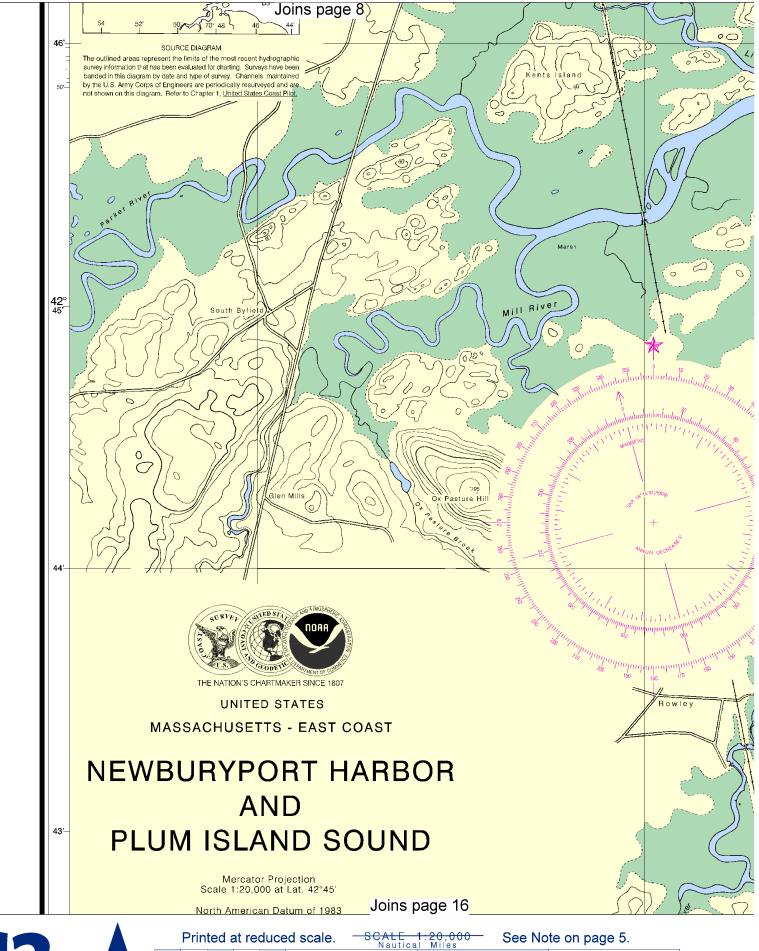






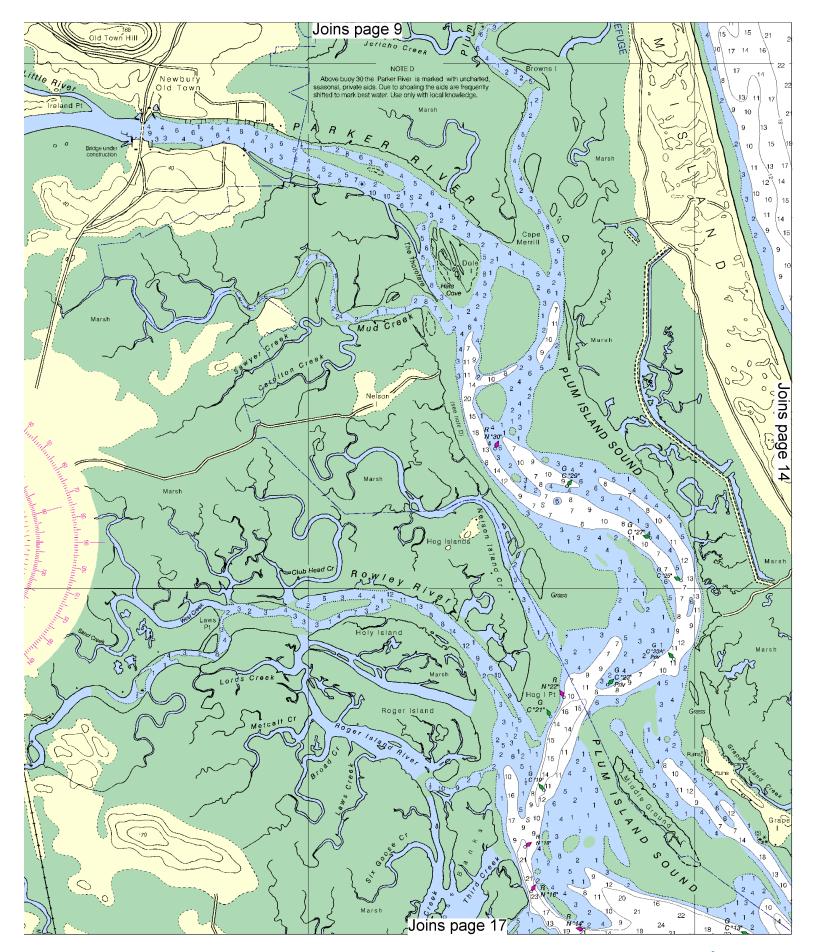


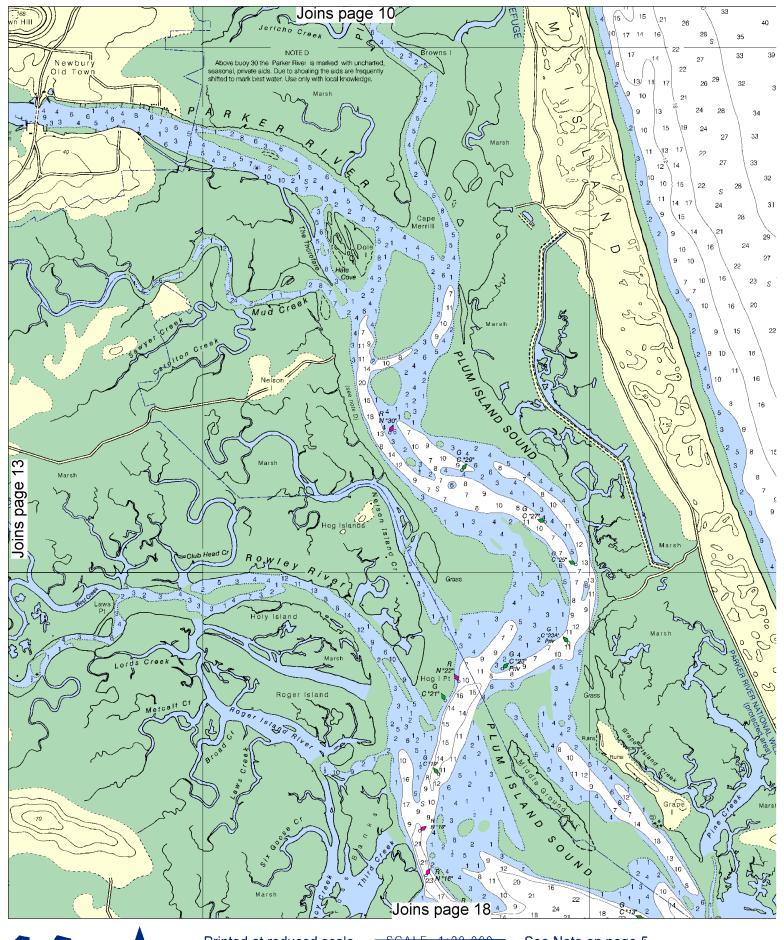






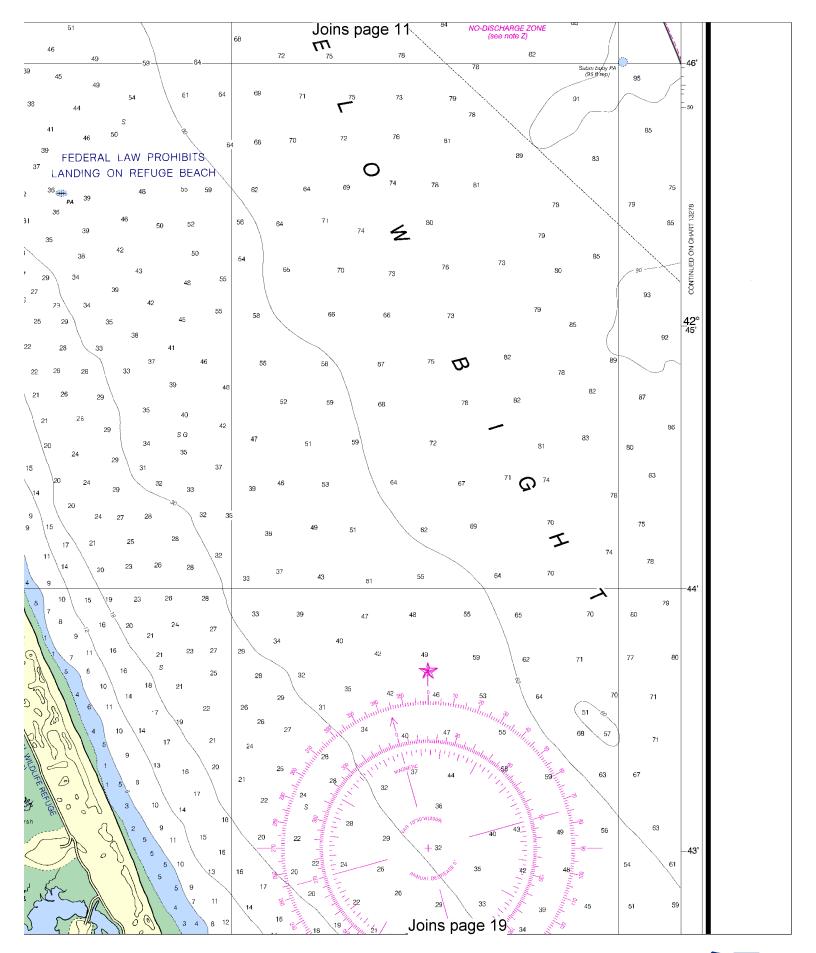


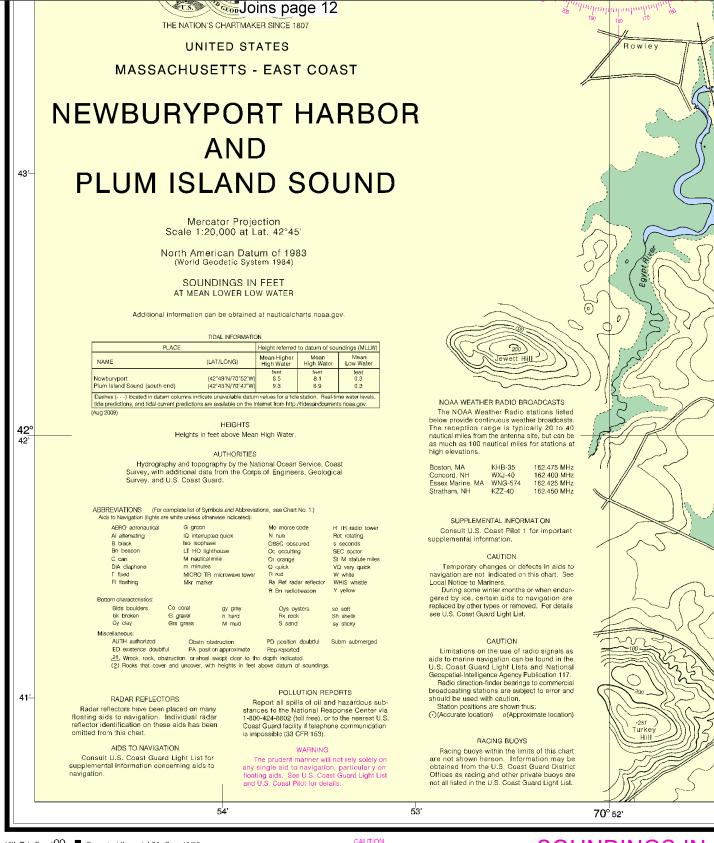












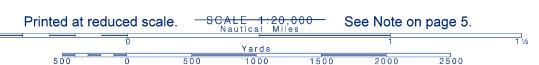
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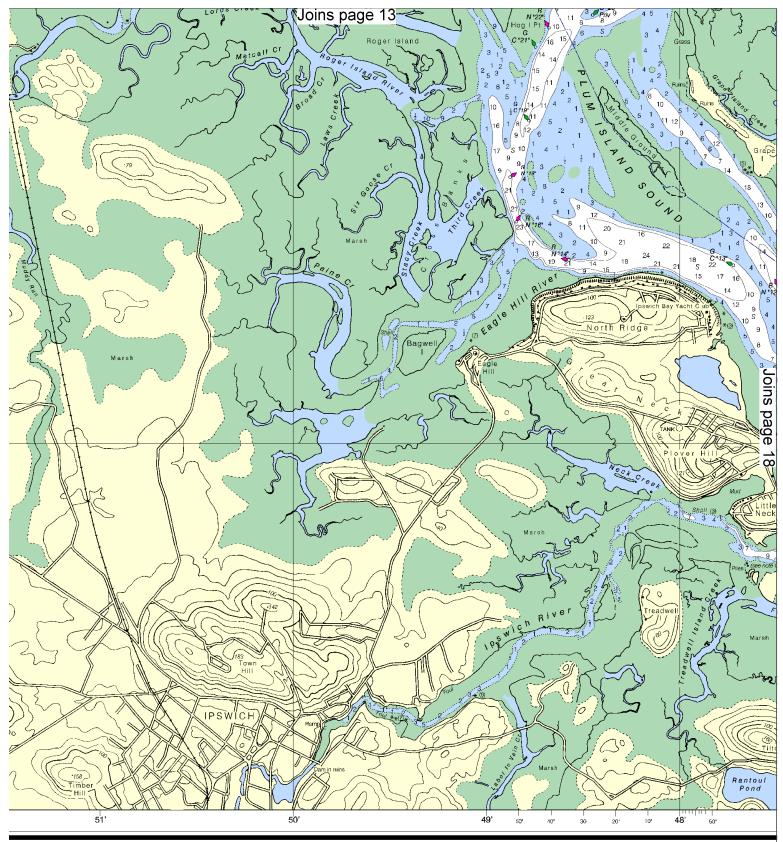
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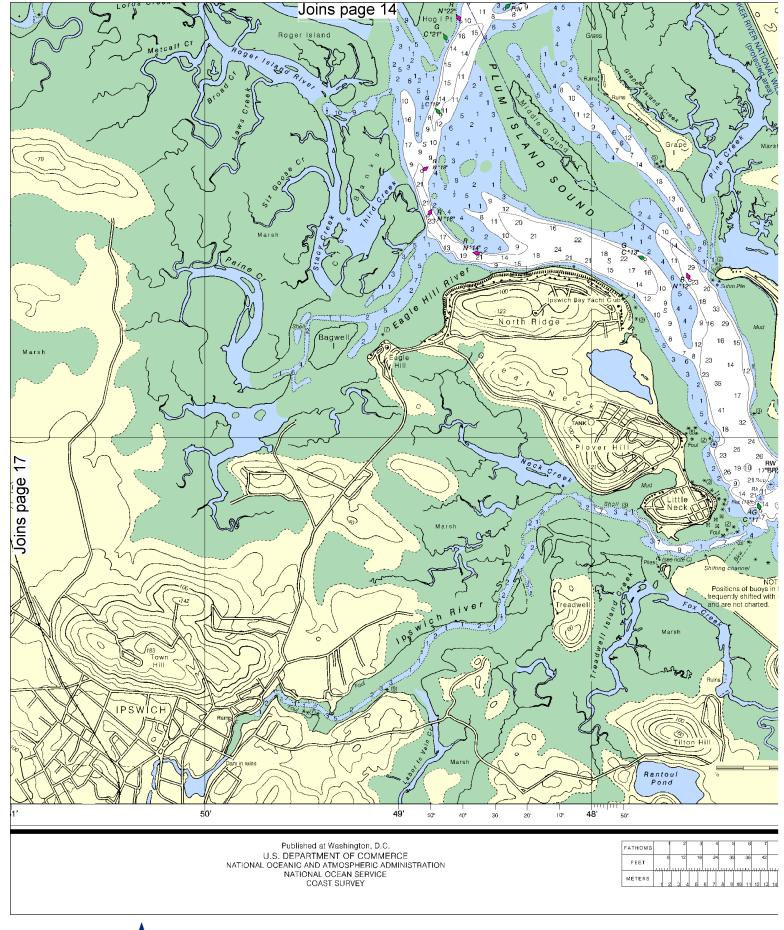




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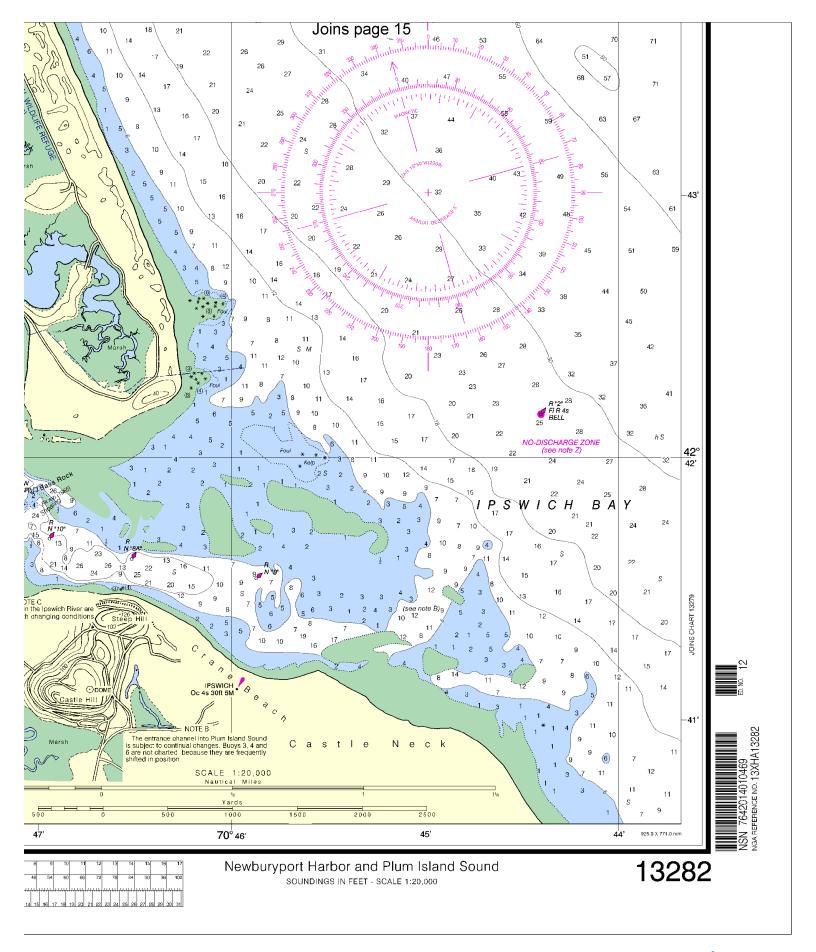
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EMERGENCY INFORMATION

VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

Channel 6 – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls

to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.

Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 & 78A – Recreational boat channels.

Distress Call Procedures

- 1. Make sure radio is on.
- 2. Select Channel 16.
- 3. Press/Hold the transmit button.
- 4. Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
- 6. Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds If no response Repeat MAYDAY Call.

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Mobile Phones – Call 911 for water rescue.

Coast Guard Group Boston - 617-223-3201/3208 Coast Guard Cape Gloucester - 978-283-0705 Coast Guard Merrimack River - 978-462-3428 Newbury Port Harbor Master - 978-462-3746 MA Environmental Police - 800-632-8075 Coast Guard Atlantic Area Cmd - 757-398-6390

<u>NOAA Weather Radio</u> – 162.400 MHz, 162.425 MHz, 162.450 MHz, 162.475 MHz, 162.500 MHz, 162.525 MHz, 162.550 MHz.

Getting and Giving Help – Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.



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